



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. 09/553,807  
Applicant: Ronald Thomas  
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Group Art Unit: 1722  
Docket No. 0114-00004  
Customer No. 26659  
Title: Automated Pin for Gas Assisted Injection Molding System

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2004, Applicant states as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.